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New Traffic Signal Installed for Start of School Year

GURNEE, IL – The Lake County Division of Transportation and Warren Township completed a cooperative interim project to realign Red Oak Lane and install temporary traffic signals at Washington Street and White Oak Lane near Woodland Middle School in Gurnee. Red Oak Lane formerly intersected with Washington Street but has been reconfigured to align with White Oak Lane.

In order to help relieve traffic during peak school traffic periods at the beginning and end of the school day, Woodland Middle School is now accessible via White Oak Lane.

“The overall intersection is safer and will move traffic more effectively than the previous configuration,” said Lake County Division of Transportation Director/County Engineer Marty Buehler regarding the project.

Officials plan to add permanent traffic signals and through lanes and left turn lanes to Washington Street as part of an upcoming five-lane expansion project scheduled for Washington Street from Route 45 to Hunt Club Road. The improvement is scheduled for construction in 2003.

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According to Woodland School District Superintendent, Dr. Dennis Conti, “We are grateful that Lake County and Warren Township were able to work together to not only improve traffic flow around our school but also to increase the safety of our students.”

For further information, please visit the Division of Transportation on the Lake County Web site, located at www.co.lake.il.us. The Lake County Division of Transportation serves county residents and visitors by, among other things, planning, constructing, maintaining and working to improve the county transportation infrastructure.

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